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SUBJ: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT AHIDJO ON RESPONSE TO CAMEROON AID  
REQUESTS

REF: A) STATE 193355; B) STATE 190919; C) YAOUNDE 2417;  
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1. AFTER PRESENTING US POSITION ON PUERTO RICO AND US-CORE GROUP POSITION ON KOREA (REPORTED SEPTEL), I OFFERED AHIDJO SECRETARY'S LETTER TRANSMITTING URBAN LEAGUE SPEECH (REF B), ABOUT WHICH AHIDJO HAD HEARD ON RADIO. I READ HIM PARAGRAPH ABOUT "SERIOUS CONSIDERATION" OF SERIOUSLY FORMULATED MODEST ARMS REQUESTS FROM FRIENDLY COUNTRIES LIKE KENYA AND ZAIRE, AND USED THIS AS TRANSITION TO PRELIMINARY RESPONSE CONTAINED IN REF A INSTRUCTIONS. I EMPHASIZED CONSTRAINTS, LIKELY TIME LAG, AND UNCERTAINTIES RAISED BY ELECTION.

2. ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE, I EMPHASIZED LIKELY MODESTY OF SCOPE IF ANY ASSISTANCE FORTHCOMING. I TOLD AHIDJO THAT I HAVE REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY GENERAL OF PRESIDENCY EBOUA FOR EARLY NEXT WEEK AND PROPOSED TO ASK HIM FOR PARTICULARS, MENTIONING THAT EBOUA HAD INDICATED ON JULY 5 GURC WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY SUPPLYING THEM (REF C). AHIDJO SAID HE WOULD TALK WITH EBOUA AND INSTRUCT HIM TO PROVIDE REQUIRED INFORMATION.

3. ON INCREASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, HE NODDED APPRECIATIVELY WHEN I REFERRED TO EFFORTS TO PROMOTE USG CONTRIBUTION TO TRANSCAM III AND INDICATED SLIGHT FAMILIARITY

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WITH EXPECTED WORLD BANK TRANSPORT CORRIDOR STUDY.

4. COMMENT: RECEPTION WAS FRIENDLY. AHIDJO INQUIRED ABOUT MY TRAVEL AND CONSULTATION PLANS. I EXPECT THAT WHEN I CALL UPON EBOUA WITH RETURNED DCM WE WILL FIND OUT HOW SOON GURC CAN PROVIDE PARTICULARS. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, I PROPOSE NOT TO RAISE WATTS WITH EBOUA AT FIRST MEETING BUT TO LEAVE THAT TO CHARGE AFTER MY DEPARTRUE AUGUST 13, I.E., AFTER APPROPRIATE INTERVAL FORESEEN IN REF D AND AFTER RECEIPT OF TECHNICAL MATERIATS POUCHED ACCORDING TO REF A. SPIRO

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